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Office Action Summary

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 16, 2001

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle* 835 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 10

20) Other: _____

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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Low et al, "Anonymous Credit Cards" IEEE Symposium on Research in Security and Privacy, 1994, p.1-10.

Low teaches a server with a program for providing privacy to consumers for generating a pseudo-identity that can be used to browse, register, purchase, pay for, and take delivery of goods, the pseudo-identity permitting the seller to access a purchase demand associated with the pseudo-identity, the pseudo-identity permitting a financial institution to see payment information (see at least p. 1-3). Low also teaches the seller cannot identify the user (see at least p. 1-3) and the financial institute cannot identify the goods (see at least abstract). Low does not show that a freight company delivers the goods or that it cannot identify the goods. However, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have implemented a freight company for delivering the goods in Low since the delivery would have completed the transaction between the customer and the store particularly in the case where the credit card is used in mail order transactions. It also would have been obvious that the freight company is unaware of the goods sent since this is well known in the mail delivery art for at least privacy concerns of the customer. It also would have been obvious to have used the pseudonym of Low in Internet based browsing since this would have been adopted for the intended use of

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maintaining anonymity as desired in Low and since anonymous browsing is well known in the art for the user's protection and convenience.

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hauser et al., "On Shopping Incognito", 3/1996 teaches anonymous browsing (p. 2-4).

Gabber et al., "How to Make Personalized Web Browsing Simple, Secure, and Anonymous"

Financial Cryptography '97, 2/1997, whole document esp. abstract, p.1-2, 11-12).

4. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Kemper, whose telephone number is 703-305-9589. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30-6:00. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins, can be reached at 703-308-1344. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

M. Kemper
September 28, 2001

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M. Kemper
Primary Examiner
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